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APPELLANT'S RESPONSE TO REPLY ANSWER

SIR:

This is in response to the Examiner's Reply Answer dated October 2, 2001.

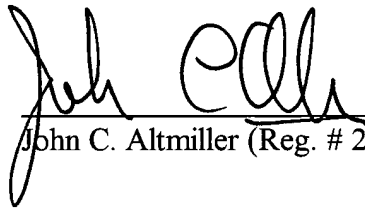
The claims call for inserting an edge connector into a connector on a motherboard. Only connector 548' is on the motherboard 104 of Sangveraphunsiri and the edge connector does not plug into connector 548'. The article "a" and the preposition "on" convey, in clear English, what is being claimed and a collection of elements which includes two connectors and a ribbon cable does come within the scope of what these simple words mean. They are not "a connector" but two connectors and a cable. And, collectively, they are not "on" the motherboard. One connector is, the other two are not.

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Thus, for the reasons previously given, Appellants respectfully request that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences reverse the Examiner's decision rejecting claims 1-18 and direct the Examiner to pass the case to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be necessary for consideration of this paper to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A copy of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

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